

**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral**  
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**The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop**  
**The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector**  
**Deacon Peter Frangie**  
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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM  
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM  
Holy Day To Be Announced  
St. Sharbel the 22nd of each month  
at 7:30 PM except on Saturday or Sunday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

**Reconciliation**

10:15 AM to 10:45 AM Sunday  
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday  
and upon request.

**Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)**

Parents and Godparents must meet  
with the Rector for instruction and  
then a time will be set for the Baptism  
and Chrismation of the child.

**Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)**

Rector must be notified at least six  
months in advance to set up instruction.

**Hospital and Sick Calls**

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

**New Parishioners**

All are welcome at Our Lady of  
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the Office  
of the Rector to become a member.

## *First Sunday after Holy Cross September 15th, 2019*

<b>Sun. September 15</b>	<b>1st Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	<b>Sts. Shaina &amp; Sassine</b>
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Madeline & Elias Souky, Sandra Souky Richardone, Stephen Joseph Souky	Req. by Leslie Greiche
<b>Mon. September 16</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	<b>St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage</b>
<b>Tues. September 17</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Boulos Yamin Azizi	<b>St. Sophia &amp; Her Three Daughters</b> Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
<b>Wed. September 18</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Req. by Roger Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Thurs. September 19</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Req. by Roger Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Fri. September 20</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Req. by Roger Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Sat. September 21</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Req. by Roger Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Sun. September 22</b>	<b>2nd Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	<b>St. Phocas</b>
	9:00 am In thanks from Maria Villegas for St. Sharbel	
	11:30 am Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Req. by Roger Roger Issa Elkhoury

### **Financial Standing August 2019**

#### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$7,844**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ....: **\$1,499.84**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$9,343.84**

#### **Ordinary Expense**

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

**Total Ordinary Expense: \$15,146.56**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$5,802.72**

**We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,976.67** (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

**We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of: \$5,500** (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, ...)

**Thus, we had to use some of our extraordinary income for ordinary expense to make "ends meet." It is our hope that ALL extraordinary expense could be set aside for major improvements for the Cathedral. Thus, we need everyone's help.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church  
and in planning different activities**

### **Sunday Readings**

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.  
Please [email](mailto:info@stphocas.org) the church to become one**

September 15, 2019	1st Sunday after Holy Cross
	Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10
	Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Melissa Safi - English
	11:30 am Paula Ashkar - Arabic
September 22, 2019	2nd Sun. after Holy Cross
	Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-34
	Gospel: Matthew 24: 1-14
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Marleine Safi - English
	11:30 am Bassam Ayoub - Arabic
September 29, 2019	3rd Sun. after Holy Cross
	Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1
	Gospel: Matthew 24: 23-31
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English
	11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic
October 6, 2019	4th Sun. after Holy Cross
	Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
	Gospel: Matthew 24: 45-51
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am John Eladem - English
	11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The last Sunday of the Season of Pentecost makes an excellent transition to the Season of the Exaltation of the Cross that started on Sunday even though the actual feast is not until Saturday, September 15.

When Jesus explained the Parable of the Sower to his disciples, surprisingly, he did not refer to who the sower was. The disciples asked him the meaning of the parable and he himself gave it in Luke 8: 11-15: "The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance."

It is left up to the listeners to deduce the identity of the sower. Some assume that the sower is the Father, but others say it is the Son. In meditating on the wisdom and the spiritual richness in the way these passages are put together, we see that their inspiring sequence becomes a well that never runs dry. In my opinion, Jesus is the sower in the parable that was proclaimed on the thirteenth week of Pentecost which happened this year to be the last Sunday of the Season of Pentecost. Now, we come to the Gospel of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In John 12: 24, we hear Jesus saying, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." In this passage Jesus does not speak about the soil and how it should be for the grain to give fruit.

At the end of the Season of Pentecost, Jesus is the sower generously planting an abundance of seed. However, in the beginning of the Season of the Exaltation of the Cross he has become the seed. This seed (grain of wheat) has the power to transform barren into fertile soil. It feels sometimes that Jesus grows *impatient* with us. When we do not accept what is good for us, he ends up telling us just what we must do to bear much fruit if we cooperate with him.

*Abbona Dominique*

## Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Registration for Sunday School is on its way. It is of extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade) and our Sunday Formation is one small way to do so. Thus, everyone is encouraged to register their children and not wait to the last minute. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd at 10am. The program will run until the end of June two Sundays of formation each month. Please [print the form online](#) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](mailto:LilyElhaje)

## 75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral

The Cathedral is announcing the 75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy in the Current Location on Sunday November 24, 2019. The celebration begins with the Divine Liturgy at 11:30am followed by a luncheon at the Dyker Beach Golf Course Catering Hall in Brooklyn, NY. There will also be a Commemorative Book in which pages may be purchased to honor beloved living and deceased members of the Cathedral Community. Meanwhile, those who have old pictures from the time the Cathedral was dedicated onward, please make sure to [email](#) them to us, so we can create a nice collage.

## Youth Choir

All interested in youth choir ages 7 and up are invited to sign up with [Paula Achkar](#) or [Fidelle El-Asmar](#). If you already have an instrument that you would like to play, you are welcome to bring it with you to add to the experience. There will be a Sunday practice in the next few weeks.

## Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 13 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 13, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual [support for our seminarians](#), who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll [online](#) or ask Father for more information.

## Arabic Class Registration

Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

## Housekeeping

The Brooklyn Public Library's lease was renewed on July 10th extending their stay until December 31, 2020.

## Pilgrimage: [In The Footsteps of Paul](#)

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing **April 29, 2020 - \$3,498** per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. We already have 17 people who have signed up for the trip. Deadline for registrations is no later than October 29, 2019. [For more information](#) please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900

## Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking to redouble the efforts to register American citizens of Lebanese descent who would like to regain their Lebanese citizenship. Parishioners are encouraged to register their births and marriages in Lebanon. Please check Project Root's [new website](#) and contact [Zahia Abi Habib](#) for more information

## Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council recommends that parishioners set the Church up for automatic bill pay. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out-of-town.

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*RSVP Required*  
*RSVP BY September 20th*  
*by email to: [Consul@NJLebCons.org](mailto:Consul@NJLebCons.org)*  
*Open Invitation*

## **The Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner**

### **The Eparchy of Saint Maron**

This Jubilee Event will recognize three special honorees known for their service to their communities: **Tony Loubnan, Antoun Sehnaoui, and Salma Besheer Vahdat**. We honor Tony for his years of service to his parish, Saint Sharbel in Somerset, NJ; Antoun who, together with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, created the Shrine of Saint Sharbel at Saint Patrick Cathedral; and Salma for her years of service to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral and the Brooklyn community.

The Cathedral Community is proud of having **Salma Besheer Vahdat**, a Trustee of the church, as an honoree.

Join us October 3 for an evening of fun and fellowship with your friends in support of a great cause!

*Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner for*  
*The Eparchy of Saint Maron*



# *A Special Decade of Service*

*Thursday, October 3, 2019*  
*New York Athletic Club, New York City*

*Details to follow*



# Saint Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

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**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**  
and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas cordially invite you to

## **"A Weekend of Celebrations"**

**October 19-20, 2019**

*as we celebrate the following events:*

- Fr. Thomas' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Holy Priesthood on Saturday evening, October 19
- Fr. Adrian Budica's elevation to the dignity of Archpriest on Sunday, October 20
- The dedication of the new iconography installed since last winter
- The inauguration of two very important anniversaries to be celebrated throughout 2020:  
*125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese and the Cathedral as the first community established by St. Raphael of Brooklyn in 1895 and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our State Street Cathedral, consecrated in 1920.*

**Saturday, October 19**

**5:30pm Great Vespers at the Cathedral followed by a gala banquet at  
Sterling Affair at the Brooklyn Law School**

205 State Street, Brooklyn, NY

reception at 7:00pm and dinner at 8:00pm

This magnificent location on the top floor has panoramic views of  
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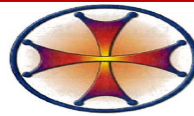
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## **NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL NAM CONVENTION "Faith, Heritage and Tradition"**

**OCTOBER 25, 26 & 27, 2019**

*hosted by:*

**St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite  
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### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019**

**3:00PM – 6:00PM** - Registration  
**7:00PM – 7:30PM** - Prayer services (Ramsho)  
**8:00PM – Midnight** - Welcome party (Sahra)

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

**9:00AM – 10:00AM** - Registration  
**9:30AM – 10:00AM** - Prayer services (Safro)  
**10:00AM – 11AM** - Workshop I  
*\*Discipleship: Living Your Faith in the World\**  
**11:15AM – 12:15PM** - Workshop II  
*\*Understanding the Maronite Liturgy\**  
**12:30PM – 1:30PM** - Lunch (St. Sharbel Ctr.)  
**6:30PM – 7:30PM** - Cocktails (St. Sharbel Ctr.)  
**8:00PM – 1:00AM** - Grand Banquet and Hafli (St. Sharbel Ctr.)  
Featuring Mitchell Kaltsunas

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**10:00AM** - Liturgy  
**11:00AM** - Farewell Brunch

Room Rate: \$114.00 for Single and Double occupancy  
(Single = 1 King; Double = 2 Queen)



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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### First Sunday after Holy Cross

##### The Second Letter to 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

##### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'

And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'

They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

#### الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

##### رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 2: 1-10

يا إخواني، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تشدد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع.

وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أناساً أمناء، جديرين هم أيضاً بأن يعلموا غيرهم.

شاركني في احتمال المشقات كجدي صالح للمسيح يسوع.

وما من جدي ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جده.

ومن يصارع لا يتال إكليلاً إلا إذا صار ع بحسب الأصول.

والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالنصيب الأول من الثمر.

تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهماً في كل شيء! تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي،

الذي فيه أحتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد.

لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

##### إنجيل القديس مرقس 10: 35-45

دنا من يسوع يعقوب ويوحنا، ابنا زبدي، وقالوا له: «يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك.»

فقال لهما: «ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟»

قالا له: «أعطنا أن نجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك.»

فقال لهما يسوع: «إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي أتعمد بها أنا؟»

قالا له: «نستطيع.» فقال لهما يسوع: «الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا أتعمد بها

ستتعمدان بها.

أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فليس لي أن أمحه إلا للذين أعد لهم.»

ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يغتاضون من يعقوب ويوحنا.

فدعاهم يسوع إليه وقال لهم: «تعلمون أن الذين يُعَبَّرُونَ رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماءهم يتسلطون عليهم.

أما أنتم فليس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيماً، فليكن لكم خادماً.

ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبداً للجميع؛ لأن ابن الإنسان أيضاً لم يات ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبدل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.»